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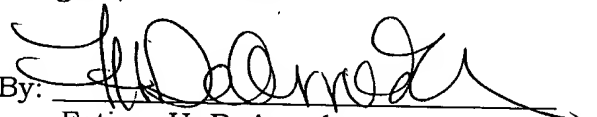
TITLE: USE AND SCREENING METHOD FOR AN ABERRANT GENE PRODUCT
OPERATING SUBSTANCE

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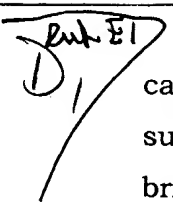
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2000, please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

 14. (twice amended) A method of screening substances for a substance capable of causing an aberrant receptor, which has substantially changed affinity for substances, to operate in a manner similar to a non-aberrant receptor comprising bringing an aberrant receptor into contact with a subject substance and assaying the operation activity of said substance on said receptor.